

PETITION -- HOUSE

CHIEF SPONSOR:

Representative BRADLEY of HINGHAM

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
in General Court assembled.*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve.

[illegible]



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 22A, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 22A. Whoever has sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a child under the age of sixteen, and compels said child to submit by force and against his will or compels said child to submit by threat of bodily injury, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life or any term of years, but not less than five years.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 265 is hereby further amended by striking out section 23, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 23. Whoever unlawfully has sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse and abuses a child under the age of sixteen shall, be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life or any term of years, but not less than five years.